

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 11 March 2014
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Cr Sue Meehan	Councillor
Cr Robyn Hordern	Councillor - Chair
Cr Ken Johnston	Councillor
Cr David Wright	Mayor
Sheila Aveling	Paradise FM
Allan Hart	Paradise FM
Jeanette Kennedy	Ballina CWA
Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association
David Humphrey	Cumbalum East Community Precinct Steering Committee
Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association
Pamela Steel	Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival
John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society
George Young	Ballina Lions Club

Council Staff in Attendance

John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services
Joanne Cordery	Secretary - Civil Services Group

Apologies

Glenn Costello	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club

Passing – Betty Barwick

Cr Hordern acknowledged the passing of Betty Barwick. Betty represented the Ballina CWA. The Committee gave three cheers in Betty's honour.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Deputations

There were no deputations.

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4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 November 2013 were accepted as a true and correct record.

5. Item 8.5 of the Previous Minutes

Ross Pickering advised that it was his understanding that the centre had opened however it was only at 60% capacity. He asked whether non-indigenous families would be given the opportunity to fill the vacancies. The Mayor and Cr Hordern both replied that they would.

Ross also raised the question of future funding and whether Council would be responsible. He was advised that Council had no responsibilities for the facility nor are we responsible for the funding.

The Committee suggested that perhaps the Mayor would consider writing a letter of support to the group in respect of their next funding submission to government.

6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

Request for BBQ at Pop Dennison Park

The information in the staff report was noted.

Walkway – Missingham Bridge to Sailing Club

The information in the staff report was noted.

Commemoration Park Playground

The information in the staff report was noted.

Availability of Porter Park Community Consultation

The information in the staff report was noted.

Request for Bin at the Spit Area

The information in the staff report was noted.

Replacement of Trees Behind Maritime Museum

The information in the staff report was noted.

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7. General Business

Anzac Centenary Local Grants Funding

A brief discussion was held regarding the grant. The Mayor advised that eight submissions had already been received. Andrew Playford advised that Ballina High School was going to submit a submission, the Mayor advised him that they needed to do it soon as the applications closed in early April.

8. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of previously advertised documents were discussed. This information was noted by the Committee.

9. Business Without Notice

i) *Country Music Festival*

Pamela Steel advised the group that slightly reduced funding had been received from Council and they were looking for private and business sponsorship. The AGM is being held 25 April 2014 if anyone wished to attend.

ii) *BBQ at Kiosk Beach*

Pamela Steel asked if the old brick timber BBQ could be replaced and a new one installed.

John Truman advised that we would arrange the removal of the old BBQ, however there was no funding program available for the installation of a new one.

iii) *Banksia Trees – Kiosk Beach*

Pamela Steel reported how the Banksia trees in this area had been removed over the years and asked if the missing and old banksia trees could be replaced in the Council's tree planting program.

John Truman advised that staff will inspect and respond.

iv) *New Ballina Surf Club*

Pamela Steel asked about the need for a generator and shipping containers at this site.

John Truman advised the generator was supplying electricity until a sub station is installed by Essential Energy. The delay is the result of a long lead time for the transformer and the containers would be removed once the other building was completed.

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v) Toddler Pool at Shelly Beach

Pamela Steel reported that the toddler pool at Shelly Beach was full of sand again, could it be cleaned out.

John Truman advised that he would arrange inspection of the pool.

vi) Missingham Shower

Cr Hordern asked if the shower at Missingham park could be pressure cleaned and if a new on/off button could be installed.

John Truman advised that this would be arranged.

vii) Jabiru Park

John Leon thanked the Mayor for the visit to Jabiru Park.

viii) Condition of Parks & Playing Fields

John Leon talked about the poor condition of some of our playing fields and parks and asked if Council could look at using recycled water for watering them.

John Truman advised that recycled water is being supplied to open space areas and expansion of the program is planned for the future.

ix) Battery Recycling

John Leon talked about the issue of very few places to recycle batteries in Ballina and that it would be good if Council could provide recycling bins that will service this demand.

John Truman advised that staff would review and provide a report in response.

x) Fripp Oval Project

Boyd Lancashire asked if the irrigation works on Fripp Oval are scheduled for April.

John Truman responded that he will consult with staff and then contact Boyd.

xi) Solar Panels at Fripp Oval

Cr Hordern confirmed a previous response that it is a club responsibility to install solar panels on the clubhouse at Fripp Oval.

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xii) Lighting at Fripp Oval

Boyd Lancashire advised the Committee that the Cricket Club propose to investigate options to upgrade the lighting facilities at Fripp Oval to support night cricket.

xiii) Road Closure at RSL

Andrew Playford thanked John Truman for his assistance with the road closure for the formal. It was a great success and other schools intend to look into doing the same in the future.

xiv) Ballina High School Choir

Andrew Playford thanked Cr Meehan for the opportunity for Ballina High School choir to sing the National Anthem at the last Council meeting.

xv) Ballina Shire Cultural Plan

Andrew Playford asked about the status of Council's Cultural Plan.

It was advised that the plan was on public exhibition and submissions close on 28 March 2014. It was suggested that if members were interested they should make a submission.

xvi) Swift Street Interchange

Andrew Playford inquired about the project to upgrade the Swift Street Bus Interchange.

John Truman advised that it was a State Government project and that Council has been asked to project manage and deliver the program. Council officers have been developing the design and consulting with the School.

xvii) Smith Drive Water Supply

Ross Pickering expressed his concerns in regard to a recent Council decision to terminate the water supply to some properties in Uralba and Pimlico.

John Truman explained that the water main was constructed in 1936 to connect the town to its water supply source. The main is now in very poor condition and is no longer needed for its original purpose. The main's condition means its service to residents is very unreliable, it is expensive to maintain and leakage from the main is estimated to be 16% of the Council's water losses.

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John also explained that the Council has determined it was not in the public interest to continue to supply the nine affected properties based on their rural location and having regard to the capital cost required of more than \$500,000. The Council has written to the affected residents to discuss the decision and to review Council's invitation to offer compensation towards the cost of providing an alternate supply.

xviii) Fishing in Shaws Bay

Lee Andresen talked about a petition that was circulating regarding fishing in Shaws Bay and on behalf of BES asked if Council intended to review the Shaws Bay Management Plan. Lee also asked what jurisdiction Council had in respect of the Bay.

Cr Meehan advised that she had prepared a Notice of Motion to be considered at the March Council meeting regarding this matter. Cr Meehan advised the meeting that NSW Maritime were the agency responsible for regulating activities in the Bay.

xix) Previous Correspondence from Cumbalum East Precinct Committee

David Humphrey reported to the Committee that he was still waiting on a response from Council to their correspondence.

xx) DCP for Cumbalum

Cr Meehan advised the Committee that the DCP for Cumbalum Precinct was currently on public exhibition.

xxi) Paradise FM Committee Representative

Allan Hart advised the Committee that he was no longer the representative for Paradise FM and that Sheila Aveling was taking his place.

xxii) Length of Airport Runway

Allan Hart discussed with the Committee an article from the ABC news website regarding the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's decision to change the standard width of runways at airports and wanted to know if Council was aware.

John Truman replied that Council was aware of the requirement and that it had been reviewed with CASA.

xxiii) New Fire Station at Ballina Airport

Cr Wright reported that the number of passengers using the airport annually now meant a fire station needs to be constructed at the airport. The cost of the fire station to build and operate will be met by Air Services Australia.

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xxiv) Highway Service Centre – request for update

Allan Hart asked for an update on the highway service centre.

John Truman advised that Council had received a number of applications to modify the consent and that Council had recently determined an application which varied the conditions required to mitigate the impact of the development on flooding.

xxv) Masters Development Application

Andrew Playford asked if the Masters Development Application could be modified similar to the Highway Service Centre.

John Truman advised that the Masters application was a planning proposal to change the zoning of the land and this application was determined by refusal.

xxvi) Pelican 181 Site

Allan Hart asked when the Pelican 181 site would be operational again.

Cr Hordern advised that Council was were hopeful that it would be soon.

xxvii) Ferry Closure Times at Christmas

Lorraine Leuckel asked why the ferry closed half an hour earlier than the advertised times on Christmas day and if it was going to happen could we put signage up so vehicles don't travel all of the way to the ferry and realise it is closed.

John Truman advised he was not aware of this complaint and would provide a report in response.

xxviii) Boomgate – Southside of Ferry

Lorraine Leuckel asked if the new boomgate could be fixed as it is still not working.

John Truman advised he would report on the management intentions for the boomgate.

xxix) Speed Limit on South Ballina Beach Road

Lorraine Leuckel advised that the RMS have not responded to the requests to review the speed limit on South Ballina Beach Road.

John Truman advised he will raise this matter with the RMS again on behalf of the South Beach Community Association.

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xxx) Public Toilets at South Ballina

Lorraine Leuckel advised the Committee that the toilets are close to being approved.

xxxii) Cleanup Australia Day – South Ballina

Lorraine Leuckel advised the Committee that not one McDonald's wrapper was collected this year. Lorraine also reported that the Council promptly removed dumped vehicles.

xxxiii) Illegal Camping at Lighthouse Beach

Ross Pickering advised that he had noticed on a number of occasions people camping at the lookout at Lighthouse Beach. It also happens at Pat Morton as well.

John Truman responded that he will advise the Rangers of Ross's concerns.

xxxiiii) Old Ferry Ramp – South Side

Lorraine Leuckel reported the old southside ferry ramp was becoming an illegal dump site for whitegoods and garden refuse.

John Truman advised staff will inspect the site to review the options available to stop this practice.

xxxv) Town Entry Signage

Sheila Aveling asked what Council was doing about the town entry signage for Ballina.

Cr Meehan advised that there was no funding for signage like Wollongbar and Alstonville as those signs were paid for by the RMS. John Truman talked about the Town Entry Masterplan that Council had adopted which included new signage, tree plantings, sculptures and painting of the Fishery Creek Bridge.

xxxvi) Tamarind Drive

Sheila Aveling asked if the Tamarind Drive under the Bypass was Council land as there was always graffiti being drawn on it.

John Truman advised that it wasn't Council's land and that the responsibility belonged with the RMS. Council reports graffiti attacks on RMS assets to the RMS for their attention.

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xxxvi) Lift at Surf Club

George Young thanked Council for the changes to the arrangements for the use of the lift at the surf club.

xxxvii) Shelleys on the Beach Restaurant

George Young asked how the progress was going.

Cr Wright advised that Council was in the process of purchasing a small parcel of land from Crown Lands and that this will facilitate the construction of a new building.

xxxviii) Ballina Lions Fun Run

George Young advised the Committee that the Ballina Lions 2014 Fun Run, fundraiser is being held on the Sunday of the June long weekend.

xxxix) Garden Encroaching Footpath

Mary O'Brien asked if the garden that was encroaching the footpath on the northern side of St Mary's in Burnett Street (near Martin Street) could be cleared. It makes it very difficult to walk along the footpath.

John Truman advised he would arrange staff to inspect.

xl) Rocky Creek Dam

Cr Meehan advised the Committee the region could soon be going into water restrictions. The dam is currently at 67% and when it reaches 60%, level one restrictions are implemented and it would be good if residents could start voluntary restrictions now.

xli) Rous Water – Draft Future Water Strategy

Cr Meehan advised the Committee that the Rous Water's draft future water strategy was currently on public exhibition.

xlii) Fawcett Park

Jeanette Kennedy thanked Council for the work they have done in Fawcett park, it is looking really good. She also asked who was responsible for the gardens around the CWA building.

Jeanette was advised that the gardens are the responsibility of the CWA.

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xlivii) Grants

Cr Wright advised the Committee that Council had been successful with three state State Government grants under the Better Boating Program.

xliv) New Animal Shelter

Cr Wright reported on the opening of the new Animal Shelter and how the facility now met the modern standards required to appropriately care for the animals housed in the shelter.

xliv) Cycleway Update

Cr Wright reported the Council had recently determined its priorities for the staging of the Coastal Cycleway and Recreational Walk projects.

Cr Wright advised that for 2014/15 a RMS grant will fund the cycleway proposed for Skennars Road, Council will be funding the recreational path from Angels Beach to the Sharpes Beach underpass, and Council and the RMS are jointly funding the cycleway stage from North Angels Beach subdivision to the Sharpes Beach underpass.

xlvi) Dredging of North Creek

George Young asked about the dredging of North Creek.

Cr Wright advised the Council Taskforce was continuing to progress this issue and that it is proposed for the Council to pursue a recently announced grant opportunity to dredge North Creek.

xlvii) Lennox Head Surf Club

Cr Wright advised the Committee that a report in relation to the surf club at Lennox head and the area surrounding the club will be presented to Council shortly.

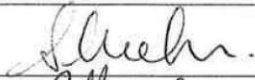
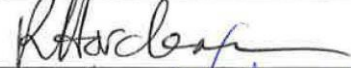
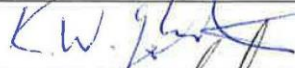

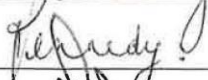

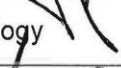
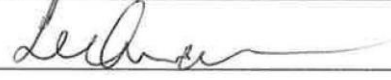
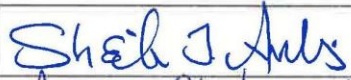
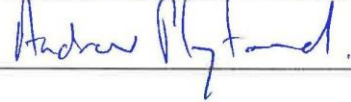
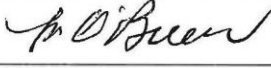
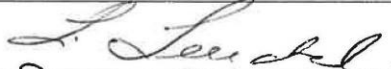


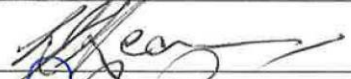
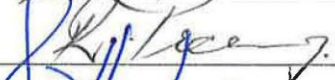


10. Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 13 May 2014.

11. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.45pm.

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